



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MORI, Kazushi et al.**

Serial No.: **09/818,653**

Filed: **March 28, 2001**

Group Art Unit: **2655**

Examiner: **PATEL, Gautam**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **2491**

FOR: **HOLOGRAPHIC OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND  
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM DRIVE EMPLOYING THE SAME**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED AUGUST 19, 2003**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 12, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **August 19, 2003**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species I. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 19 and 20 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

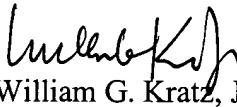
The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 19 and 20 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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